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## OREGON STATE DEBT

Preliminary figures from the forthcoming bulletin pertaining to national and state indebtedness and funds and investments have been given out by Director W. J. Harris, of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. The bulletin carries information for the state of Oregon, as well as for the other states and the United States. The data was compiled under the supervision of Mr. John Lee Coulter, expert special agent in charge of the inquiry on Wealth, Debt, and Taxation.

The bulletin, which will soon be issued, will contain statistics for each state for each year from 1890 to 1913, inclusive, as far as statistics are available, and will also contain details for the year most nearly corresponding to 1913, thus making it possible to show the general movement during a period of over 20 years. The bulletin will show the total debt of the state as well as many details, such as the various classes of outstanding bonds and special debt obligations to public trust funds. It will also show

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qualities sold are Winesaps, Spitzenburg and Jonathans. The red apple is preferred, as green apples, with the exception of a few Oregon Newtowns cannot be sold there. Large apples are also not in demand. The medium and small sizes are preferred. The most popular size seems to be the 175s. Boxes are recommended for packing, as the apples arrive in better condition.

"At present fruit from the United States is largely purchased by Gothenburg importers through jobbers in Copenhagen, Hamburg, London, and Liverpool. The Consul informs us that American exporters insist upon cash against documents in New York, and even in San Francisco. The Gothenburg importers who are interested in making direct purchases are trying to secure a concession of payment of 80 percent only against documents and 20 percent upon arrival and inspection of the goods."

**FIRST FARMERS' COOPERATIVE LAUNDRY**

The first farmers' cooperative laundry in the United States is now in successful operation at Chatfield, Minnesota, where it is doing much to eliminate the overworked farm woman the terrors of "blue Monday." Chatfield is only a small village and the laundry's patrons are almost entirely obtained from the open country around. Coarse clothing of all sorts, overalls, rugs, bed clothing, and fine fabrics as well as handled at a uniform price of 5 cents a pound for washing and ironing. An extra charge is made for such articles as need to be ironed by hand. The laundry is managed in connection with a cooperative creamery, paying to the creamery a reasonable rental for the use of a part of its building. Modern machinery was installed at the beginning and an experienced laundryman engaged as superintendent. For the first year of operation, which has just closed, the receipts were \$5,403, 70 per cent of which was paid out for wages. Patrons received a dividend of 10 per cent and stockholders 6 per cent additional. The success of the innovation will, it is said, prove most encouraging to rural workers everywhere.

**SWEET CLOVER**

The Kansas Experiment Station in a recent publication makes it plain that sweet clover, a hitherto neglected plant, despised as a pernicious weed, has very considerable agricultural value. It is stated that "as a soil improver it is unexcelled; for pasturing purposes it has considerable value; and as a forage crop it can be utilized to good advantage where alfalfa or red clover can not be successfully grown."

Attention is called to the fact that "there are several varieties of sweet clover, of which the common white sweet clover and the large biennial yellow sweet clover are the most important. The white variety is generally to be preferred for farm purposes,

although the biennial yellow is sometimes preferred where hay production is desired." Sweet clover is adapted to a wide range of soils, and while it does best on good soils, it will make a satisfactory growth on very poor soils.

Grown on good soil and properly handled it makes a fair quality of hay which may in many cases be substituted with advantage for the more valuable alfalfa and clover hays. In actual nutritive constituents it is practically equal to those. It makes an excellent pasture for cattle, sheep, horses, and hogs, and for this purpose may be profitable grown on very poor and rough land.

For quick results in improving the soil sweet clover is superior to most other crops. Its ability to thrive well on soils lacking in humus or otherwise badly run down makes it especially adapted for this purpose. Like alfalfa, cowpeas, and other legumes, it has the ability to obtain nitrogen from the air by means of the nitrogen gathering bacteria which live in tubercles on the roots of the plants, thus adding much nitrogen to the soil in which it grows. When plowed under for green manure or allowed to remain on the land this crop is a very efficient one in building up the humus content of the soil. The large roots, which penetrate deeply; break up the lower layers of the soil and add much humus thereto when they decay, thus improving the physical condition of the soil to a considerable depth below the depth of plowing. Sandy as well as heavy clay and hardpan soils, which would not otherwise produce satisfactory crops, may be so improved in texture by growing sweet clover for a few years that they become quite productive.

A weed has been defined as a plant which has not yet found its proper use. In view of present knowledge of its possibilities sweet clover can no longer be regarded as a weed.

**A Candidate Who is Independent**

The office of Commissioner of Labor Statistics and Inspector of Factories and Workshops for the State of Oregon is an important one to every laborer and every employer of labor. It is an important office to every industrial concern in the State. It is important to the entire people of Oregon.

The selection of a man to fill this position should be seriously considered by the voters of the state. Mr. M. E. Miller, the Editor of the St. Helens Mist, is a candidate for the Republican nomination for this office. He has announced that he is INDEPENDENT of any class or faction. He would take and keep out of control of any class or faction, this important office and administer the laws in such an impartial manner that no class, faction or organization would have just cause to complain.

The office of State Labor Commissioner was created for the purpose of protecting the laborer and protecting the employer alike. To properly perform the duties of this office then, the Commissioner should be absolutely independent. Such a man is Mr. Miller. He promises to administer the laws according to the true intent and meaning thereof, keeping ever in mind that he is serving the entire public. He will encourage home industries; will use the powers of the office to promote a better and more friendly feeling between employer and employee; will so conduct the office that many labor disputes will be averted and labor conditions throughout the state will be greatly improved. He will enforce the laws impartially and fearlessly. Every person, man or woman, employer or laborer, business or professional, farmer or manufacturer, who is fair, and wants to see INDEPENDENT JUSTICE done to all classes, is invited to lend his or her support to the candidacy of M. E. Miller for the Republican nomination for State Labor Commissioner.

ST. HELENS COMMERCIAL CLUB.

Redwood sawdust is being used by vineyardists in California for packing fresh table grapes. It takes the place of the ground cork used for imported Spanish grapes.

A two-year-old plantation of Douglas fir on the Oregon national forest shows 94 per cent of the trees living. Extensive plantings of young trees in Washington and Oregon are costing only \$8 an acre. Direct seeding of lodgepole pine has been successful without exception on the Arapaho national forest Colorado. Several of the areas sown two and three years ago show from 5,000 to 10,000 seedlings per acre.

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